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Title: PROGRAMMABLE FEEDBACK DELAY PHASE-LOCKED
LOOP FOR HIGH-SPEED INPUT/OUTPUT TIMING BUDGET
MANAGEMENT AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)

Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to the below arguments and amend the claims as indicated.